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The Enemy Captured Poland!

If we are to have the better world we seek, it will not come because we have nylons, more convenient homes, newer model cars in our garages, more gas in those cars, airplanes for our personal transportation, greater ease in living. It will be due to a widespread and fearless adherence to the principles of Right and the things each man and woman knows to be true. It is up to every individual, just as it has always been, what his personal post-war world will be.

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THE CHRISTMAS LETTER

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Dear Friend:

Christmas this year will be very much the same as Christmas was last year. Perhaps the world is a bit more war weary. Some of our loved ones are not here, but we do have the assurance that God still reigns, and victory is near.

Let us pray for World Peace as we observe *Christ*mas, and thank God for His greatest gift, the Prince of Peace. We must not commercialize *Christ*mas, but remember and appreciate what *Christ*mas really is to *Christ*ians. The birth of our King can best be remembered with a gift which will enable His workers to proclaim His Gospel in the lands where war has taken such a heavy toll.

With the liberation of some of the European Countries, we feel that it will only be a short while before we will have freedom to continue our work. There is so much to be done, and we will need help by prayer and gift to do it.

During the lean years we have been forced to draw our reserve funds to meet the needs of our Missionaries. Now that fund is showing a "pinkish" if not a red glow. We must rebuild it! Every extra undesignated gift that is put into the enclosed special offering envelope will be used for this rebuilding. Gifts for regular support will, of course, be credited as usual. We suggest use of the convenient return envelope—with accurate address of our Society.

We still await direct word from Miss Christoffersen, but through a near friend we learn that she is well, and that, although forced to move to another part of France, she continues her work. As soon as the channel is clear, funds will be sent to her directly. We are sure the way will open very soon. Our work in Palestine (Medical and Spiritual) is extremely heavy, deserving your attention.

"For God so loved the world, that He *gave* His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE."

Surely we are thankful for God's greatest gift! May God grant you a blessed Christmas, with peaceful years ahead.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Norman J. Smith

General Secretary-Treasurer

IT HAPPENED ON CHRISTMAS EVE

It was Christmas Eve, 1875. Ira D. Sankey was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm, starlight evening, and there were many passengers gathered on deck. Mr. Sankey was asked to sing. He stood leaning against one of the great funnels of the boat, and his eyes were raised to the starry heavens in quiet prayer. It was his intention to sing a Christmas song, but he was driven almost against his will to sing "The Shepherd Song."

There was a deep stillness. Words and melody, welling forth from the singer's soul, floated out over the deck and the quiet river. Every heart was touched.

After the song was ended, a man with a rough, weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey and said, "Did you ever serve in the Union army?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlight night in 1862?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, very much surprised.

"So did I," said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post I said to myself, 'That fellow will never get away from here alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to Heaven and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger.

" 'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself. 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.' But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly:

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way.

"Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon; otherwise much in my life would no doubt have been different.

"When you had finished your song it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought, 'The Lord, who is able to save that man from certain death, must surely be great and mighty,' and my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side.

"Since that time I have wandered about, far and wide, but when I just now saw you standing there praying as on that other occasion, I recognized you. Then my heart was wounded by your song. Now I ask that you help me find a cure for my sick soul."

Deeply moved, Mr. Sankey threw his arms about the man who in the days of the war had been his enemy. And that night the stranger found the Good Shepherd as his Saviour.

Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. . . . I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:11, 9).

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THANK YOU!

Dear Friends:

The response to the Christmas letter that we mailed on December 7 has warmed our hearts. I wish you could have heard me say "Thank you!" as each gift envelope is opened. We do appreciate your generous help, and the way each friend has "risen to the occasion." Your help will do much to relieve the suffering in our fields of work. We have requested remembrance of our work in prayer, and surely you are doing so, because

"The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear.
And then it lifted,—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer!"

Some friends have asked for "definite prayer requests, that prayer might be offered more intelligently and personally," instead of praying for the whole work only. Of course, we need prayer every day, but there are occasions of special need for a blessing; or a Missionary or worker is in tribulation, persecution or suffering. For our Prayer Groups and all praying friends, we hope to concentrate on one page in the magazine "Special Prayer Requests" in each issue. Let us pray, too, that the magazine may soon be sent out every month. There will soon be great need for it.

When your own prayer requests come in, we are glad to mingle them with prayer for our Missionaries, remembering our American friends and their loved ones, too. May God bless you, every one.

Florence J. Mitchell

WHAT DOES YOUR POST-WAR PLAN INCLUDE?

This article by the President of the Central National Bank, Yonkers, N. Y., is not emphasizing the Spiritual life, but its suggestions are full of common sense and valuable for us all in the post-war days:

Much thought has been given, many plans already have been proposed, many more are in the making for our post-war world. It is interesting to notice, however, that much as we speak and think and plan for a better world, very little of our thinking has been done except in terms of material things. Greater comfort—easier ways of living—shorter working hours—helicopters in our garages—speed—ease—leisure, all are held out to us, but pitifully little has been said about what makes for a better world and what we shall have to do and do without, to attain it. Not much to date has been mentioned about old-fashioned religion and its important place in every day life, if the world is to be better and stay better.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

We request our readers to remember in prayer our work and our workers, and particularly the following:

1. Miss Tordis Christoffersen and her labors among the Hebrews in the south of France, that direct mailing contacts may soon be perfected again.
2. Our Bulgarian, Albanian and Hungarian Missionaries in war-torn Europe.
3. Mrs. Elfrieda Manetz and Baby Mary, asking for release from the Concentration Camp.

NEWS FROM THE MID-WEST TERRITORY

Rev. A. F. Scorza, Field Secretary

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Greetings to you and all the friends of the Head Office, particularly Brother Smith. I trust the Lord is raising him up from his affliction to bring him back to the work he loves so much. I love to believe that all is well with you, and that the dear Lord is blessing every effort put forth in the new Gospel Invasion of Europe.

Upon my return from a Missionary Conference recently, an article appearing in a Michigan paper stirred the Chicago Council members to a great deal of interest, and they have requested me to give you a resume, and to send it, together with a report on the Clothing Drive results, to your office for publication in the next number of *The European Harvest Field*. Also I am sending you a copy of a letter that we recently mailed to our Western friends. Yours for victory through Christ.

A. F. SCORZA.

CHURCH MISSION WEEK IS REPORTED
BALES OF CLOTHING GOING OUT
MAKING READY FOR A GOSPEL INVASION

Again, dear friends, I feel it is a rare privilege to communicate to you through the medium of these columns. How good the Lord has been to us, during these critical war days! How His sufficient grace has sustained us. How His unnumbered benefits have been showered upon us. For all this and more, we praise Him, and the Chicago Council members share in this testimony.

The first caption refers to an eight-day Missionary Conference, with nine Churches cooperating. Nine Missionaries rotated in speaking in these various Churches, set apart in an area of about 30 miles. Approximately 6500 persons were in attendance and $800.00 over and above expense was given to the Boards represented by the Missionary speakers. This was pro-rated according to the number of services conducted. Our Fellowship was represented by the undersigned and he reports having received as much blessing as the others did.

This occurrence was the annual World-wide Missionary Conference, which was held October 15-22 inclusive simultaneously in nine Churches, located in Eastern Michigan. According to the report printed in the *Fundamental Fellowship*, published in Detroit, issue of Nov. 26, and given by the Rev. Ralph D. Rhoads, pastor of First Baptist Church, Romeo, Mich., hub of the inter-Church program:

"A number of conversions were reported from the services conducted by Missionaries and several offered themselves for full time Christian service. Pastors of cooperating churches have reported greatly increased interest in the Missionary cause and one pastor said: 'This conference did more for our Church than any evangelistic campaign we've ever had.' Another pastor said: 'I learned more about Missions and Missionary boards in one week than I have known all my life! If we ran our Church the way we have handled our Missionary program, we would just go "*flop.*"'

"The involved program, in which missionaries rotated among the Churches and which included a Saturday night banquet at the Romeo Church, went off with out difficulty of any kind. 'There wasn't a hitch anywhere,' said Rev: Mr. Rhodes. 'Every speaker was where he was supposed to be at the appointed time.' The afternoon symposiums were reported by several pastors as being the most helpful features of the program. 'These afternoon discussions gave our people the very information they needed,' said one pastor. 'They got first hand information on Missionary Boards, the problems involved in getting Missionaries to the field, keeping them there, and caring for their families and educating their children.' "

The Missionary Banquet at which each Missionary related his most thrilling experience, attracted a crowd which packed the dining hall facilities of the Romeo Church

RELIEF ON THE WAY TO EUROPE

I believe our friends who stand with us in prayer and giving would like to know that since early last August, when Rev. Francis J. Panetta of New York City came to Chicago, he urged the formation of a Committee to cooperate with the Evangelical Commitee for Relief in Italy and in our Evangelistic and deputation work, including the appeal for clothing. This has been done in more than thirty Churches and over Radio Stations in Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo., and parts of Michigan and Illinois. The result is very gratifying, as bales of clothing have been sent to the New York headquarters, 395 Broome St. One Chicago Church alone has sent a thousand pounds of selected ready-to-use garments. One Italian brother in Christ, a shoe repairer, has donated fifty pairs of shoes out of his shop.

Notwithstanding the fact that many thousands of pounds,—or rather tons,—of clothing have been shipped to Italy, we hear that the gymnasium and other halls of the Broome St. Tabernacle resemble a clothing factory. We trust that the shipping facilities improve and that not only our unfortunate brothers in Italy, but throughout liberated parts of Europe all may be supplied with the necessary things of life.

How helpful this phase of our work will prove to our Missionary cause when doors open again is self-evident, but better yet, we shall long to hear the Saviour's commendation: "Come, ye blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you." and later, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me." Matthew 25:34, 40.

Yours For His Soon Return,
REV. A. F. SCORZA, *Field Secretary*,
Chicago Council, American European Fellowship.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL — AMERICAN-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

November 20, 1944

Dear Christian Friend:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Again the world is at the cross roads. Which way will it go? Big things seem to be in store for it: The Four Freedoms, New Airways, More Friendly Relations between Nations, and The One World Idea. All these well-meaning aims may be realized; but again they may not. Whichever way the world of tomorrow goes will not matter much if "We whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high, Shall we to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?"

God pointed out *ONE REMEDY* and one only for a sin-sick, bankrupt, despairing world, and that remedy is in our possession as stewards of the manifold grace of God, in virtue of the fact that we are members of the Body of Christ, the Church. We often hear the expression, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." What other generation can we evangelize than ours? And if it should be done, it must be done at once. The heathen are increasing faster than we can reach them with the Gospel. When this cruel war is over, whatever we may be permitted to do in this direction, it must be done at once; no time should be lost. The peace period may be brief. New hatred may erupt in various places and, as it has been well said, "Help must not come, as in the Chinese lend-lease, *Too little and too late.*"

Many are asking, "Will airplanes be used to carry our Missionaries swiftly to their destinations?" "Will the Radio play an important part in preparing the fields

for the Missionary?" These questions, and others as well, can best be answered by the Churches themselves, for in the proportion that gifts increase, in that proportion new means and methods can be used.

After you have read the enclosed pamphlet, we are persuaded that, as a friend of Missions, you will join with us in more definite earnest prayer that at least one hundred new workers can be sent out to that part of the earth where so often world wars originate: Europe, called by some "The Storm Center of the World." Pray that our Fellowship may help materially in rebuilding the most affected part of that continent with the healing balm of Gilead, "The Gospel of Redeeming Love." Our Council would like to hear from you. Perhaps your Church group may wish to learn further of this work as it is progressing. Should that be the case, kindly get in touch with our Field Secretary, and a Missionary speaker will be sent to you.

Yours for Victory through Christ,

CHAS. A. PORTER, *Chairman,*
A. F. SCORZA, *Field Secretary.*

A COURSE OF STUDY FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

American-European Fellowship,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

New Castle, Delaware,
December 4.

Dear Friends:

We are interested in establishing here at The King's College a course of study which would especially prepare young people for Missionary work. Accordingly, we shall appreciate your sending information concerning your requirements for Missionary candidates and what educational qualifications you stipulate. We should also like to know of any especial courses of study you require or recommend.

Faithfully yours,

R. FENTON DUVALL, *Registrar.*

Dear Mr. Duvall:

We pray for the success of your effort to prepare Missionary Candidates for service. If any suggestions can be made by us to forward the labor and bring good results. we will appreciate the opportunity.

Naturally, with our Missionaries scattered all over continental Europe, we think of language requirements first. Lacking this, there is quite a long delay after arrival of the candidate on the field, before they can speak with understanding. I wish there was some method of testing a candidate's primary capabilities in this direction. Some become wonderfully efficient in a short time; others are dismal failures, and so our investment in them really amounts to a financial loss. In some other field or remaining in their native country, they would probably become efficient Gospel messengers quickly and labor efficiently and successfully.

In many of the countries, even in Europe, sanitary conditions are a great hindrance, often dangerous to health. Good health is a prime requisite for a Missionary, and a careful study of sanitary rules and ordinary nursing and health protection is a good investment toward a long and fruitful ministry. Invalidism or temporary attacks of even light illness must be and can be escaped.

Perhaps only a limited comment need be made regarding the religious side of preparation, but the Spiritual state must be strongly developed if the candidate is to arrive at a genuine soul-winning ministry. The "theology" of a candidate must be simple and clear, grounded on the Holy Word beyond the reach of all doubts and wavering;—so sure in Spirit and Truth that even a poor linguist will command respectful attention and cause the hearer to respond "in faith believing."

The native audience or individual must find Jesus Christ in the Missionary's life and testimony. That is the only true measure of his or her proper training for service in any field on the earth. Sincerely and cordially yours,

NORMAN J. SMITH, *General Secretary.*

MISSIONARY LIFE AND WORK IN EUROPE

There is time now, before the strenuous Missionary labors in post-war Europe demand all our attention, to draw a few interesting pictures out of the countries surviving the continent's First World War. Testing times and incidents of those days may be profitably studied today, even lending emphasis to our prayers. An occasional picture will be used to renew old acquaintances.

Missionaries or Soldiers

Vasil Angeloff arrived in his native land in April or May, 1938, and at once took up an itinerating ministry which he had planned for his first summer at home. On July 18 an official order came giving him only two days to prepare for war and to appear at a military camp near the Turkish border of Bulgaria. There he began his term of service or, rather, training for war. He wrote us thus: "According to the Bulgarian laws, I should have been exempt. . . . But even so, God's plan to save souls has not been altered!"

Rev. Vasil Angeloff

He Is Still Preaching

"During June and July I traveled 1336 miles on my bicycle. It is not very easy to make these long trips."—John Gonak, Missionary in Carpathian Russia before World War No. 2. *Editor's comment*: "Any Missionary who can push a bicycle 1336 miles through the mud and dust and sand and over hill and dale in Carpathian Russia and still find time to preach such a Gospel that souls are being won for the Lord is deserving of a motor cycle!"

The Poland of 1938

"Poland has ever so many young men who would gladly become servants of Christ, but they can hardly read and write in many cases, and Bible Schools,—we have none. We intend to give them a three-months Bible course, starting October 1, 1938. . . . But where shall we put them? How shall we feed them? We can only pray, and by a miracle of God we believe some solution will be found."

That solution must have been removal of the Stettler family across the border to near-by Switzerland, where he has worked mightily with war all around him. A recent letter showed that he had developed meetings, prayer meetings and Bible classes for every week day and at least six meetings on Sundays, with quite a number of evangelistic campaigns "in between." Some of those Polish young men Brother Stettler planned to educate for the Lord's work must have found their way across the border and into his Bible classes.

STETTLER.

Famine Days in Bulgaria, 1925

(Mishkoff)

Rev. Paul L. Mishkoff (since deceased) wrote: "My pen is not able to describe their lot. . . . It is a deep tragedy!" He had just discovered 85 Armenian refugees living in a stable in a Bulgarian city. "No money, no food, no work, no friends." "Why do you cry?" I asked one aged woman, after trying to make her a bit comfortable. "Because you are so kind, and there was nobody left to be kind to us."

MISHKOFF

He Changed His Mind

"What a disappointment was Koci! His baptism was a unique testimony. Headed for Bible School, he remained unmoved by his uncle's tirade: 'Your mother lost her husband twenty-four years ago; now she loses her son. As for you, Koci—go! A pleasant journey! But never call me "uncle"; never call her "mother." You shame the living and the dead!' All formalities were faced, outfits secured, suit case packed and bus reservations made. The past few days the mother seemed reconciled; but an hour before bus time she and other relatives staged such a hysterical demonstration that he changed his mind. It was unbelievable! But 'Dis-appointment—His appointment,' and Romans 8:28, and Peter's denial: so we are waiting quietly the come-back, and by the Holy Spirit expect a yet greater victory."—Edwin and Dorothy Jacques in Albania before the war.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—2 Peter 3:9.

A STUDY OF MISSIONS IN EUROPE

The Value of Tract Ministry

"It is evident that the preparation of monthly four-page tracts in two languages takes some time, but the correspondence resulting from the distribution takes still more time. Let us give you a glimpse of this line of work. . . . Received a letter dealing with the distribution of tracts by one of the 250 co-workers in this line of work. Beside the expressions of appreciation, etc., the writer asks some questions on such matters as the everlasting life, punishment, annihilation and second chance and if the teachings of Christ are to be all taken as parables. Evidently the result of the various 'isms' vigorously propagated. . . . I would not weary you by recounting the various expressions of thanks coming from all parts of the country. For instance, K.L. mentions his appreciation for the faithful supplying with tracts for over seven years. His prayer is that more workers may be willing to enter the ripe harvest field. . . . So much more we do appreciate such volunteer workers, who distribute the tracts prayerfully, from their own interest in the work. Some even send a mite for postage, making it a sure enough work of love for perishing souls. Thus we are glad to send even 500 on special occasions to such sincere workers. . . . It is a marvel what the Lord has done with the slender help that we have been receiving, for this is not a spasmodical work, to make a big showing for a season, but regular, progressive work. Have continuous requests that we are unable to fill for tracts that have been issued years ago, and are long out of print. Just had a card requesting six numbers of fine tracts, but how can we supply them when all below the number 106 are no more in stock? . . . Since we offer in our tracts information in regard to salvation, it is but to be expected that we receive requests for Bibles in various forms, and as a sequence are expected to have a depot for selected literature. Pray with us, please, for devoted young helpers, who will have the work at heart,—no hirelings."

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lukesh

As Rev. and Mrs. Lukesh zealously worked to spread the Gospel in Western Czecho-Slovakia, they saw the war clouds gather and break, and they had the choice of suffering on in silence, with daily risk of loss of their lives; or moving to a new field where many of their people preceded them. When finally driven out of the country, they found new labor among the Czecho-Slovak people in Northern Minnesota, along the Canadian border. Here they have already established seven churches.

By the Black Sea

Ilie Hamaluic (Roumania): "Because of the many difficulties which have crossed my pathway during the past few months (1937), I have been unable to write to you. But, knowing that you are interested in our work here, I must tell you that God is blessing us in spite of persecutions which come from many sides. We are still under a cloud and do not know what the result of the recent orders from the Ministry of Religion will be, but our trust is in God. We are always busy, even though we cannot contact many villagers. . . . Ten new members were admitted to the Siret meeting by baptism just before our Sister Hill left us. We miss Sister Hill very much indeed, and only now realize what a great part she took in every branch of the work. May God bless us all as His children and enable us to go on."

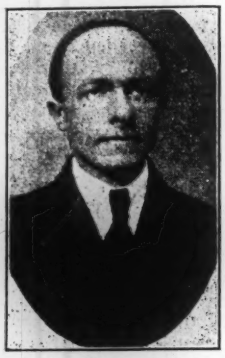
We believe all their territory is now alive with Russian soldiers of the "Red" armies, driving west toward Germany.

Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy
Retired Albania Missionaries

THE CLINIC IN PALESTINE

Patients Last Year Numbered 16,822 and Need the Prayers of Every Reader

At Joppa by the Sea



Dr. James Juk

"You may not know that the present city of Jaffa, where our work is now going on, was called "Jaffa" in the times of the Apostles (see Acts 10:5). To the tourists who must land at this port on their way to Jerusalem are shown ruins of the house where Peter prayed 'upon the house top' before going to answer the call of Cornelius. . . . We now have at our disposition a whole floor,—a doctor's room, dressing rooms, a large veranda which serves as a waiting room, and other rooms which, if God will enlarge our work, will be utilized for different purposes in connection with our labor in the Clinic. . . . The inhabitants of the district where the Clinic, God willing, will be in operation are very poor and not able to afford for themselves the prescribed medicines, and we ask His children in America to meet at least partly this important need of our work. . . . It is interesting that the first cleaning of our Clinic rooms was done by our first patient. About a month ago I was called to visit a Jewish man who was ill and almost blind, being infected with trachoma. It gave me joy to see him so far recovered that he could help us in preparing for the reception of other patients yet to come."

Has the small beginning developed into a successful Clinic? Read further, from a recent letter: "Sometimes it happens that upstairs, corridor and waiting room are all crowded with poor sick people. Every day when the Clinic is in operation, a crowd of people wait in the morning in the street before the front door until the Clinic is opened." ("But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion."—Matt. 9:36.) A survey of last year's work showed that a total of 16,822 patients were treated last year. Every one of them received written, printed or oral testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Yes, the work is successful, and we are seeking new partners to pray and contribute to this ministry to the Jews, Arabs, Turks and others who seek treatment for their bodies. Dr. Juk insists on the Eternal Life treatment for their souls also.

THE MOST INTERESTING STORY I EVER HEARD

By DR. BOB JONES, *Evangelist and founder of*

Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.

The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountainside in Arkansas. Here's the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, of course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

"One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday School just once. A woman taught the Sunday School class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man—I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all

people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?' "

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor and he came, mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe in it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So, I said, 'All right, my son. I will get you the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now, understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing. I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a heaven I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me.'

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak and trembling voice. 'For God so loved the world', 'For God so loved the world'; 'He gave His only begotten Son', 'He gave His only begotten Son'; 'that whosoever believeth on Him', 'that whosoever believeth on Him'; 'should not perish', 'should not perish'; 'but have everlasting life', 'but have everlasting life'. 'Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several time. 'For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, whosoever . . . *whosoever* believeth, *believeth* in Him, *believeth in* Him.' Then he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, "It works." ' I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, "It works.' "

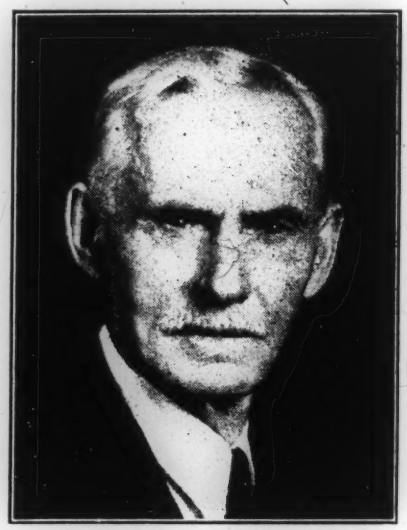
The old man wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face, said, "The lad was right. It *does* work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has *now* everlasting life. *It works. I know it works!*"

Our Dear Orphanage Property in Poland

Brother McGaw best described it: "Villa Bethel is a property at Radosc owned by the American-European Fellowship. It is now used for 'Fresh Air' or 'Colony' work since the days of Grace Mott and Jean Rhode. . . . Six acres of lawn and garden, trees and shrubs, walks and drives make a fine place for poor little city children to enjoy God's sunshine and the great outdoors even for two weeks. . . . This summer Miss Christoffersen has had five groups —about 170 boys and girls in all—and also a group of mothers with little ones at the close of the season. The great old house, with its bright, airy rooms and clean beds, furnishes a wonderful contrast to the filthy barracks or the dark, smelly basements and all that goes to make up life in the Warsaw Ghetto! The large south veranda is where they eat the nourishing soup, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and bread and butter, with meat three times a week! On this wonderful veranda also they gather for meetings, when they recite the verses which they have recently committed to memory. Here they sing the blessed Gospel songs, many of which are melodies and translations of the Gospel songs we sing in America."

But, Oh! Those days are past and gone. Pray to God that they may soon come again and that this blessed labor among starving and needy children may be resumed in full measure! We had to lease the property recently, through the stewardship of Brother Fred Stettler in Switzerland, so that the poor Polish neighbors would not steal the wooden fence which surrounds this lovely home spot.

How we would like to see Jean Rhode work there again, with other groups of poor children, Hebrews, Poles, others,—like those shown in the story-telling picture on the front cover of this magazine!



Rev. Frank A. McGaw

Another Echo From Brother McGaw's Life

In Poland at the time. "The language is still here, but not in my head! I'm driving my teacher frantic, I'm afraid, with my dumbness, but there are some sounds I just simply cannot seem to make, so please pray that the Holy Spirit will loosen my tongue that I may speak forth the wonderful things of God in the Polish tongue. But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Him more and more." I took it for a real message to me. . . . Praise God . . . He's such a patient, kind, loving Father, isn't He? Even to such foolish children as we are!

Prepared to Serve

Miss Haley's preparation included the full course at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; graduation from the Citizens' General Hospital, of New Kensington, Pa.; Post-Graduation work in the Children's Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; seven years of private nursing, and a final year of service in the Children's Hospital, in Detroit.

Miss Jane Haley

WILL YOU PRAY FOR THIS PAGE FULL?

If the line really breaks and the Nazis drive off the Allied forces the boundary of Germany on the north, Italy on the south, France on the west and Austria on the east would seem to put non-combat ant Switzerland in an unenviable position.

We remind our readers of this possibility only that they may pray more earnestly for our Brother and Sister Stettler and their dear family. All through World War No. 2 our brother has labored so earnestly and successfully for the Master, and his present calls for Gospel meetings, evangelistic campaigns and Bible Class teaching are so insistent and so fruitful, that surely the Lord will answer our prayers for the whole Stettler family. The central hub from which this missionary visits his present field is probably fifteen miles north and west of Bern, the capital of the country. This city has a normal population of over 100,000, comparable to Albany, N. Y. The whole country has less than 4,000,000 population, now much increased by the influx of refugees. The sufferings of this class of people during the war probably opens their hearts to the Gospel. Where else can they go but to the Lord? Whether the Nazi armies return or not, Brother Stettler has been over-burdened with opportunities to minister to hungry souls. Pray much for his health and strength in the Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Stettler and their family

Likewise our Brother and Sister Kovalchuk, Russian Missionaries who went from Carpathian Russia to our headquarters in Radosc and finally settled among the large Russian colonies of Argentina, South America, have a heavy missionary task. They have the ability of organizing the young people into true Gospel choirs, singing Gospel songs mostly in the Russian language. Thus many hundreds are drawn to hear the music, and stay for the Gospel preaching of Brother Kovalchuk. Baptisms are frequent and our brother and his wife have much joy in the Lord over many sinners converted in their ministry. What the future holds for the Argentine, and other South American states where the Russians have settled is unknown, but these faithful Missionaries are turning many of the foreign settlers in these countries to the Lord. These faithful and worthy servants of the Master are always needful of prayer support, and will sincerely appreciate your partnership with them. The sending of financial support to them is unhindered, and funds for tract ministry and Scripture distribution will be thankfully received and wisely invested to the winning of souls and the Glory of the Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. John Kovalchuk

OUR CITIZENS IN A GERMAN PRISON CAMP

The State Department says the Nazis hold 200 claiming to be citizens of the United States who are being denied legal rights. Some 200 persons claiming United States citizenship are being held in a German camp without recourse to their rights or the protective interest of the Swiss government.

The State Department disclosing this Nov. 11 and said an effort is being made to learn the names of the 200 and to arrange for their transfer to an internment camp where they would be accorded full rights under "existing international agreement and practices."

The camp in which they are held is at a place called *Bergen Belsen*, near Hanover, the Department said. It added that the German government has not allowed either Swiss representatives or International Red Cross delegates to visit there.

"In order that the Department may assemble as much information as possible in the matter," the department's announcement said, "persons having information indicating that specific individuals with valid claims to American citizenship are detained at Bergen Belsen are requested to provide the Department with such information as they may possess."—"Herald Tribune"

PRAYER CAN REUNITE THIS FAMILY

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28.)

The blessed year of 1944 is rapidly drawing to its end. Many things have happened during this year, both good and evil. Seemingly there was more evil than good. The greatest good is that the Gospel of Christ was preached and sinners turned from their wickedness to Christ and found peace and eternal life. (John 3:16; Rom. 5:1.)

During the summer I had the blessed privilege of witnessing to the redeeming grace and keeping power of my Lord and Saviour in the open air. The Eighth Avenue Mission has been holding gospel meetings in Madison Square at 23rd St. for years. God has graciously blessed the testimony of redeemed men and women in that particular square every Lord's day at 4 p.m. Many precious souls were saved. (Acts 16:31.) Many came to the Mission at evening service after receiving invitation at the Square and accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Glory to God forever. (Rev. 4:11.)

It will be four years on Christmas eve since I returned from the Mission field in Europe. I left my wife and daughter, Mary in Bustino, Carpathian Russia. when she was only six months old. God has graciously preserved them all these years. It is now one year and three months since I heard from them through the American Red Cross.

The last news I received was from Fred Stettler in Switzerland, as follows: "The other day I got a letter from Mrs. Manetz. She has changed her address and is no more with Rev. John Mochar. She wishes to leave the scripture verse (John 21:18) with us." By this scripture she gave hint that she has been taken prisoner by the Germans. But Romans 8:28 still stands good and gives me great comfort. Nothing will happen to His children without the permissive will of God.

Please pray for my dear wife and child that God may intervene in their behalf and that we may be reunited in His own way and time. It is my desire and prayer that God may lead me in full time service wherever His holy will for me may be.

PHILIP MANETZ.

FROM THE LORD'S WITNESS IN FLORIDA

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 18.

Dear Brother Smith;

You have not had many letters from me this year. It was to spare you. But you have had the prayers of my heart for your great ministry and for physical strength to carry on. God has heard the prayers of His children in your behalf. It has come to my notice that you are stronger now than you have been for a long time. I do praise God for His gracious undertaking in your behalf.

With the added responsibility of the Treasurership, we shall endeavor, D. V., to remember you more frequently. We are now praying for a good response to your Christmas letter, and we are also glad to be able to send a check for ten dollars from our fine Prayer Group because of it.

The Lord has also heard prayers in my behalf. The car provided for my ministry here this past year, and the gas with which to run it, have been among the answers. The driver's license has now been secured, enabling me to make calls freely in homes scattered over a wide area here in St. Petersburg. There have been manifestations of God's blessing upon this ministry of personal evangelization. I shall endeavor to give a short report soon.

This week is a busy one. I am preparing for the one social of the year for our prayer group. Dr. Dolman, who has had thirty years of experience in Jewish work in Hamburg, Germany, will meet with us, and will bring us an inspiring message, I am sure. The Social is given to thank the faithful praying partners and to stimulate interest among those who come in once in a while. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely yours.

JEAN RHODE.

Dear Readers:

You have Miss Rhode's picture and fine evidence of her sincere work among the poor children in Poland before the Second World War. I am very sure that her present testimony to the Hebrews in Florida is just as sincere and will have the Lord's blessing upon it. It is not an easy task to bear witness to the Hebrews, even here in America. If you can reailze that, and understand that Jean is witnessing "in spirit and in truth," you will want to have a share in her upholding, both by prayer and gift. Look at Miss Rhode's picture and pray for a continued harvest like the picture on the front cover shows.

NORMAN J. SMITH,
General Secretary.
American-European Fellowship.